

CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for at least one of charging and powering a personal digital assistant, the method comprising:

connecting the personal digital assistant to a computer comprising a universal serial bus hub driver, the personal digital assistant connected to the computer using a connector comprising a cable having a universal serial bus compliant plug and port combination, wherein software installed in the personal digital assistant is configured to represent the personal digital assistant to the computer as a hub instead of as a personal digital assistant to draw at least one of charge and power from the computer by sending a first signal to the computer, and wherein the software is configured to represent the personal digital assistant to the computer as the hub being connected to one peripheral device if the personal digital assistant is not connected to any peripheral devices by sending a second signal to the computer;

sending the first signal to the computer, wherein the first signal is compliant with a universal serial bus standard;

sending the second signal to the computer, wherein the second signal is compliant with a universal serial bus standard;

and

receiving at least one of charge and power appropriate for a represented one peripheral device connected to the hub in response to the first and second signals, from the computer.

Claims 2-6 (cancelled).

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the universal serial bus hub driver is a WindowsTM based hub driver that complies with the universal serial bus standard.

Claims 8-21 (cancelled).

22. (currently amended) A system for at least one of charging and powering a personal digital assistant, the system comprising:

a connector for connecting the personal digital assistant to the computer comprising a universal serial bus hub driver, the connector comprising a cable having a universal serial bus compliant plug and port combination;

a software module in the personal digital assistant comprising a first signal module configured to represent the personal digital assistant to the computer as a hub instead of as a personal digital assistant to draw at least one of charge and power from the computer by sending a first signal to the computer, and a second signal module configured to represent the personal digital assistant to the computer as the hub being connected to one peripheral device if the personal digital assistant is not connected to any peripheral devices by sending a second signal to the computer; and

a power-charge receptor in the personal digital assistant for receiving at least one of charge and power appropriate for a represented one peripheral device connected to the hub in response to the first and second signals, from the computer.

Claims 23-27 (cancelled).

28. (previously presented) The system of claim 22, wherein the universal serial bus hub driver is a WindowsTM based hub driver that complies with the universal serial bus standard.

Claims 29-42 (cancelled).